

## REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-35 stand rejected. Claims 1, 18, and 35 are hereby amended.

Claims 1-6, 9-23, and 26-35 stand rejected as unpatentable over McConnel (U.S. Patent No. 6,970,719) in view of Phillips (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,459).

Amended independent claim 1 now recites, in part, a service control point configured to receive the registration message, process the registration message to determine if the wireless call device is subscribed to a temporary wireless number service, and responsive to determining that the wireless call device is subscribed to the temporary wireless number service, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the wireless call device and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary wireless telephone number.

McConnel and Phillips, separately and in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest an SCP configured to process a registration message to determine if a wireless call device is subscribed to a temporary wireless number service, and responsive to determining that the wireless call device is subscribed to the temporary wireless number service, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the wireless call device and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary wireless telephone number. Claim 1 is therefore allowable over McConnel in view of Phillips.

The remaining independent claims contain limitations similar to those of claim 1 and are therefore allowable over the art of record. Applicant refrains from a discussion of the dependent claims for the sake of brevity and in view of their dependence from otherwise allowable independent claims.

Claims 7, 8, 24, and 25 stand rejected as unpatentable over Phillips (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,459) in view of Alho (EP 0986237). Applicant refrains from a discussion of Phillips in view of Alho in light of the discussion above distinguishing Phillips.

## CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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